

MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

STOCK ITEMS.

Winners at the Fairs—Mr. Schleeter's Improvement—Public Sales.

A. E. Webb of Vandalia won first in the double with his mare at the Iowa Fair.

T. J. Rowe, of this county, won some fine prizes on cattle at the Centralia Fair last week.

Judge H. T. Spurling near Skinner, had an average yield of oats this season of 51 bushels per acre.

Tom Bass of Mexico won second at the Iowa State Fair with Rex Chief A. in the saddle stallion event.

Joe Considine of Thompson won the prize at the Centralia Fair for the best pair of mules shown any age.

Price Bros., near Gant, have sold their prize winning team of mules to Callaway county parties for \$700.

Nat P. Morris, four miles north of Mexico, will have a public sale of his live stock and farm implements today.

J. T. Beatty, near Gant, had his fine sheep at the Centralia Fair, and he won eight firsts out of nine shows.

The 80-acre farm, east of Mexico, known as the Kunkel place, was sold a few days ago to W. C. Hager of Kewanee, Ill., for \$6,400.

A. Collins of near Mexico won the silver cup, offered by the Bank of Centralia, for the best mare mule colt shown at the Centralia Fair.

Judge H. T. Spurling sold a span of mules a few days ago to Joe Considine for \$507.50. Mr. Considine sold them later to Charlie Householder for \$520.

Henry Winkler, who has a fine farm south of Rush Hill, is rejoiced because of the late good rains, but he is a little fearful lest an early frost will get much of the late corn.

The Vandalia Mail says: Mrs. Jerrie Baker took off 1300 young chickens this spring of which she sold 300 one day old at ten cents apiece. She now has 640 nearly ready for the market.

Lew Stevens, five miles southeast of Mexico, will have a public sale of his stock and farm implements on Thursday, two weeks from today. Mr. Stevens is thinking of moving back to Iowa.

John Blum, north of Mexico, had 12 entries at his colt show last Saturday, all good colts, too, from Mr. Blum's fine stallion, Rex Blum. The premium for the best colt, \$15, was won by Marvin Carter. The second premium, \$10, was won by Mr. Shepherd.

"Uncle" John W. Atehison returned last Friday from a visit to the family of his son, Ed. Atehison, near Worcester, and Clarence Atehison nearer Laddonia. Big corn crops down in that section, "Uncle" John says "the ears are hanging over, weighty fellows, and all the farmers are happy."

Adams & Son last week sold Dr. G. A. Tolson's vacant lot just west of Hathaway's seed store, to S. C. Thompson of Mason City, Iowa, for \$3,000. Mr. Thompson is here and has let the contract for a two-story building on the ground. It will be of concrete blocks except the front which will be pressed brick. The floors will be concrete—the building as near fire proof as possible. The place will be used as a vaudeville theater.

Henry Schleeter, a prosperous farmer south of Mexico, has installed an acetylene lighting plant in his residence. He has 21 lights, the service being extended to the barn too. Congratulations to Mr. Schleeter. There is no farmer but who is deserving of these conveniences, and we predict that many other Audrain rural homes will soon be equipped with this desirable

accommodation. Bring such conveniences to the farmer and it will keep the boys and girls on the farm, too.

The Paris Appeal says: Clarence Ragsdale threshed an average of four bushels of seed per acre from his crop of timothy down in South Fork and sold about 200 bushels of it to a Mexico firm at \$2.25. He has a load of fat cattle for which he has refused \$7.25.

Hon. Willard Potts, Mexico's Ed. N. Hamilton, south of Mexico, has the finest mare mule colt in all these parts, it is said. Joe Considine offered him \$200 for it a few days ago and it is said another man offered \$225, each offer refused. The colt has been a winner at all the county fairs hereabouts this summer. Mr. Hamilton thinks it is the best animal of its breed in the State. A. Collins near Mexico raised the colt and sold it to its present owner for \$175.

very popular Mayor, was the sole judge in the \$1,000 saddle horse stake at the Centralia Fair last week and he was obliged to give first prize to a Mexico horse, too, Ben R. Middleton, with his Jack O' Diamonds, winning the blue ribbon. There were 14 entries. The other winners in the show were: Bob McDonald, owned by Buckman Bros., of Monroe City, second; Rex Cloud Chief, Hook & Woods, Paris, Mo., third; Joe McDonald, W. J. Cowles, Ashland, Ill., fourth, and Highland McDonald, M. L. Turner, of Centralia, fifth.

The Paris Appeal says: Homer Martin, near Tulip, delivered 42 head of 1428-lb steers to Deaver & Tully, at Paris, Saturday, at \$7.25, home weights. He paid \$45 per head for them last fall and fed them half a bushel of corn a day on grass for 150 days, during which time they made an average gain of 3 1-5 pounds a day. He fattened \$1,800 worth of hogs along with them and cleaned up a tidy profit on his investment. The fact that he raised 2,000 bushels of the corn fed to the cattle and also raised a goodly part of the hogs he fattened after them makes him doubly satisfied with the returns.

Heavy Rains.

It is estimated that about 5 1-4 inches of water has fallen for the first five days of September. The first very heavy fall began last Sunday night. Then it came Sunday and Monday again. Salt River has been out over its banks, and other streams likewise—the highest waters in years. Monday water surrounded the power house of the Electric R. R., in the northwest part of town, overflow from Salt River, so that a skiff had to be used to get to the plant to put the machinery in motion for the day.

The high waters have done but little damage to crops, but the high wind Saturday night blew down much of the standing corn in the fields, which will be hard to handle at gathering time if it does not straighten up.

Little Child Dead.

The two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Luckie died unexpectedly last Monday morning, tho it never had had good health. The funeral was held at the home Tuesday morning. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved parents.

Harbord-Kirk Nuptials.

Mr. R. M. Harbord of Kansas City and Miss Mabel Kirk of Vandalia were married in the latter city this week. The groom is a relative of Mrs. C. C. Wonneman of Mexico.

L. D. Shippee is very ill with cancer of the face.

METHODISTS TO UNITE.

Grover Aker, J. S. Senecker and Rev. C. M. Bishop Get Notice.

Plattsburg, Mo., Sept. 2.—The Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today took formal action, looking toward the future union of the two great divisions of Methodism.

The occasion was the address of the fraternal messenger of the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Doctor J. O. Taylor.

He said: "The fraternal relations between the two larger bodies of Methodism as well as with the many smaller bodies, and adjustment of pastoral charges where two churches have been laboring in competition with each other, are hopeful signs of a better day in the kingdom of God, when the sinful waste of men and money will be largely decreased, if not entirely cease. This is good news to Methodism throughout the United States."

Following Doctor Taylor's address, Doctor C. M. Bishop of Mexico, responded on behalf of the conference. The following resolution was then read and adopted:

"Whereas, We have listened with pleasure to the address of the Reverend J. O. Taylor, fraternal messenger, Missouri Conference, Methodist Episcopal church, and his words of brotherly love have touched a responsive chord.

"Resolved, First, that we assure him that every sentiment of fraternity of his great church is fully reciprocated. We covet a warmer sympathy and a closer co-operation in all that points to the extension of the Master's kingdom."

At the conference today the following, upon separate votes, were admitted on trial to the traveling ministry: G. C. Aker, recommended by the Gallatin District; P. M. Hall, recommended by the Macon district; J. S. Senecker, recommended by the Mexico district; J. T. Budd, recommended by the Plattsburg District, and L. M. Kirby, recommended by the St. Charles District.

W. P. Hunt, an elder from the Christian church, after assenting to the doctrines and assuming the ordination vows of the conference, was also received as traveling preacher.

Rev. C. M. Bishop was not returned to Mexico but was transferred to the Texas conference and will be pastor at Wichita Falls, in that State. Rev. Willis Carlisle, two or three years since presiding elder of the St. Charles district and who has lately been working in the laymen's movement in New York, will be pastor of the Mexico church. Rev. H. I. Cobb is returned to the Mexico circuit. J. L. Roberts is returned to the Laddonia work. W. C. Rice goes to Sturgeon; B. A. McKnight, to Auxvasse; G. A. Shadwick, Centralia; W. H. Ellington, Hallsville. Moberly station is to be supplied and Rev. C. C. Sealeman goes to St. Louis. Rev. W. A. Hanna, late presiding elder of the Mexico district, will be pastor at Gallatin. The new presiding elder here will be Rev. H. C. Davis.

The Rev. Clyde Gow, charged with immorality, in a second trial was again found guilty and dismissed from the ministry and the church. He was tried in the civil court in Mexico in January, 1909, and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. The case now rests in the Supreme Court. The specific charge is implication in the death of Miss Gleason, a school teacher, of Lincoln county.

Mrs. George Brewer is visiting her son at Burlington, Kan.

MRS. WARD KILLED.

Was a Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tanner of Farber.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tanner of Farber are mourning the death of their daughter, Mrs. Edith Tanner Ward, who was shot and instantly killed in Kansas City last week, where she was making her home. The shooting was by C. S. L. Brown, who was a soldier in the Boer War in Africa and who had been a minister in the Christian church but who had been expelled for gambling.

Brown was endeavoring to kill Mrs. Anna Lamphere. He entered Mrs. Lamphere's room at 903 1-2 East Fifteenth street and demanded to know of her where she was going. The woman refused and after some argument, Brown drew two pistols and began firing.

At this moment, Mrs. Ward entered the room and Brown began firing, two steel encased bullets from his automatic pistol passing through her body. She was dead in an instant. Mrs. Lamphere was also shot and is badly injured.

Brown was very much enamored with Mrs. Lamphere as is evidenced by letters he wrote her. He had frequently given money to her. Mrs. Lamphere was divorced from her husband several months ago.

Mrs. Ward's body was shipped to Farber last Thursday where interment was made. The parents have the sympathy of all in their deep bereavement.

Miss Spurlock Married.

The following paragraph is taken from the Smith County (Kan.) Journal:

The many friends of the Oak Creek county will be somewhat surprised to hear of the quiet wedding at the office of Probate Judge Jarvis, at noon today, of John H. Alloway of Lebanon and Miss Maud Spurlock of Laddonia, Mo. The groom is one of the best known residents of Oak township, and has lived on his homestead since 1878. He is a successful farmer and is comfortably fixed with this world's goods. The bride is not so well known to our people. For the last year and more she and her niece have done the housekeeping at Mr. Alloway's home and she has every appearance of an excellent lady. The Journal joins the host of friends in wishing the newly married couple many years of happiness and prosperity.

Trial Today.

Joseph Woodridge of near Martinsburg, who is lying in the Mexico jail charged with committing an assault on his 13 year old stepdaughter, accuses his wife of causing his arrest.

The wife visited him at the jail here last week and in talking to him thru the bars she made this charge: "Your own devilry put you in here and not I."

Woodridge's preliminary trial is set for hearing today.

Lecture at Court House.

Mr. W. H. Bundy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will lecture at the Court House in Mexico on the evenings of Sept. 7th and 8th at 8 o'clock. Subject, "Where Are the Dead?" "The Millennium, What Is It Like? Is It Near?" No collection will be taken. Seats free. All are invited to attend.

House Burned.

John Chambers, colored, lost his house by fire last Thursday morning. The fire department made a run but the house was outside the fire limits.

Two Deaths.

Robert Sadler, 78 years of age, and Henry Hunt, 77 years of age, died in Centralia last Friday.

SAVED THE DOG.

Mrs. Corner and a Newspaper Clipping About the Forest Fires.

Ed, Kunkel of this city received another letter a few days ago from Mrs. W. L. Corner, late of Mexico, who is visiting her son, W. L. Corner, at Wallace, Idaho. The letter tells more of the big forest fires which have been raging in that locality. Mrs. Corner says:

"We are still in this smoky town as the 'mist' has not cleared away yet, but it is over all other towns in this State and Washington, I guess, and likely to be till snow flies or rain comes, as it is so dry that if any wind springs up it starts up again if there is anything left for fire to get hold of. In the morning the smoke is so dense you can't see the mountains anymore than through the worst fog you ever saw, and the sun never shows through the dense smoke only just like a red ball the size of the moon and has not for a week or more."

The Idaho Press tells part of the sad story in the following:

"Have you heard anything from Wallace?" asked a bright blue-eyed girl who escaped in a Northern Pacific caboose Saturday night. "Nothing later than you see in The Missourian. Why are you especially interested in anyone?"

"Yes; I left an uncle and an aunt there. I fear they went the wrong way to get out. I feel pretty sure that they started for a tunnel. My uncle has had experience with forest fires before. But if he got to the tunnel he may have perished. That fire came with such force though I do not believe they lived to get to cover of any sort."

"Did you lose anything?" "Ask me if I saved anything. I can answer in fewer words. The only toilet I made this morning was to wash my face. I have a little money, but am afraid to spend it for clothes lest I need it worse for something else. Our little home was destroyed before we got to the train."

"How many people were in your party?"

"I have no idea, but they say that 75 crowded in the caboose. One mother got on with seven small children. Another woman left her daughter, but saved her dog. She was clinging to her pup and weeping for her girl. There was a great scramble to get aboard."

Residence Damaged.

During the heavy rain Sunday night the wind blew a heavy tree down on R. R. Buckner's residence, in the south part of town. The building was damaged to the extent of about \$100.

Ira Hall Dead.

Ira Hall, 71 years of age, an attorney and former resident of Mexico, died at his home in Los Angeles, Calif., about ten days since. He was married twice and his first wife was a sister of John W. Beatty of this city.

Child Burned.

The Pike Co. News used the following item last week:

Mrs. Wm. Davis and her five-months' old daughter, of Mexico, accompanied a party of friends in a gasoline launch on the river Sunday, and the child met with a painful accident, by the shawl in which it was wrapped, catching on the shaft of the motor and pulling the child under the exhaust and it was badly burned. The injured child is now resting easy.

We are glad to enroll Mrs. Geo. E. Ferri as a new Message subscriber.

E. E. SHAY.

The Value and Importance of Following the Course of Study.

(Paper read before the last meeting of the Audrain Co. Teachers' Association.)

Back of every question that has to do with a higher plane of enlightenment, better homes, better lives, and a better citizenship, we find the question of better rural schools.

If we would have a better agricultural system and "make two blades of grass grow where one grew before," we must begin with the boy, and train him up in a practical, methodical way that he may in maturer years get the greatest returns for the least expenditure of time, labor, and capital. To my mind the most interesting problem now before us is how to bring the best school to the boys and girls on the farms,—right where they are,—and open up to them the store house of learning in such a simple, natural manner that a great waste of valuable time may be avoided. The time was when learning was sought that one might be ornamental, but today learning is sought that one may be useful. A good practical education can be adjusted to all circumstances and adapted to every demand the world may make. With the opportunity for obtaining a good practical education in reach of every boy and girl in the rural school, we shall have indeed "harnessed scholarship to practical life," laid a sure foundation for a higher citizenship, and cleared the way for a full enjoyment of the best things of life. With this end in view the official course of study has been issued,—its primary purpose being the systematizing and unifying of the schools of the state. The course of study enables us to know just what we are doing. It gives us a standard to work by and encourages parents, teachers and schools to help one another. It gives growth to greater effort, and creates a competition that is healthful. It helps to systematize the work of many teachers, and promotes a uniform gradation, and better classification. It creates a demand for better libraries, and thus opens new fields of thought, and learning. It enables the teacher to develop habits of correctness in her pupil, thus preventing mistakes during the day, rather than spending her time at night correcting them. It is the means by which the County Superintendent of Schools may advise, direct, and keep in uniform control the schools of the county. Without a course of study county supervision must be a failure. To be sure we may not always adopt this course of study in its entirety but we should adapt it to the conditions that we find and every pupil should complete the full course and receive his diploma before he is permitted to take up any high school subject. This may require more individual help for some pupils, with greater emphasis placed on the subjects in which they make least progress, but it will be the means of developing a thoroughness in the whole course, instead of "going to seed" on one or two branches, with a mere smattering of the rest.

The Course of Study, however, is for the child and not the child for the course of study. We ever have before us two living realities, the child and the subject matter, but the child is the first to be considered always. We cannot make every child a thorough scholar, but we can make everyone a worker, and regular systematic work will never fail to bring the best results. The course of study as given to us is not the product of

one mind, but it is the results of the best educational experience of many minds, and successful teaching means conformity with these results.

These methods of instruction enable the pupil to study each branch in the light of all the others, thus bringing about a correlation of subjects which prevents monotony, and keeps up a lively interest in all. In short, the development of this uniform variety of education among the rural schools will awaken new desires, ambitions and ideals, and be the means by which the country boys and girls shall give back to the world not only that which they have gathered in pursuit of knowledge but even more than all this,—lives of usefulness.

RUSH HILL.

Our doctor is busy waiting on the afflicted.

Rural route men have some difficulty with high water. More water fell last Saturday night than at any one time for ten years. L. T. Pasley says it rained full 6 inches, gospel measure.

Rush Hill school opens up this (Monday) morning with the same excellent teachers who taught here last winter.

Cheever Day had his beautiful \$4,000 concrete residence in Laddonia protected from lightning. Carnes Bros. did the work.

Elder Chinn of Vandalia preached two sermons here last Sunday. G. W. Culver, the first station agent Rush Hill ever had and father-in-law of our present agent was here visiting friends and relatives last week. It has been 22 years since he quit working here. He now lives at Fort Worth, Texas, where he is connected with the Texas & Pacific.

Miss Nichols Married.

Miss Nellie Cornelia Nichols, the only daughter of Rev. D. W. Nichols and wife, was married a few days ago at the home of her parents at Jacksonville, Ill. Her husband is Prof. E. E. Alman, of Silina, Kan., who lately received a Master Degree from Northwestern University of Evanston and who has been appointed head of the history department in Elgin Academy at Elgin, Ill. Mrs. Alman is a native of China. Her father was formerly pastor of the M. E. church at Laddonia, this county, and her mother was Miss Annie Cumberly of Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols served 13 years as missionaries in China and their daughter was born while they were abroad.

Little Boy Dead.

Otto, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cunard, died of typhoid fever last Saturday. The funeral was held at the Methodist church Sunday morning, conducted by Rev. W. O. Edmonston. This is the second affliction for this family, a daughter, 16 years of age, died only about three weeks ago. Another child in the home is seriously sick with typhoid fever.

Has an Exhibit.

J. W. Rouse of Mexico, the bee man, has a fine display of bee hives and equipment at the "Show You" Congress in Moberly this week.

W. J. Winsett and J. B. Wisdom are visiting at Eldorado Springs.

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